

learned today that Admiral Mayo had recommended through Admiral Badger that oil territory near Tampico be occupied by American forces for protection purposes only.

It is known that a lengthy report dealing with the situation there was received by the navy department today. It was laid before the cabinet by Secretary Daniels.

**Vera Cruz, May 8.**—Scouts were sent out toward the Mexican lines today in hopes of finding some trace of Private Parks, orderly of Colonel Taggart, of the Twenty-eighth Infantry, who disappeared from the American lines yesterday with two horses. Parks was riding one of Colonel Taggart's horses and leading another. He is believed to have been made a prisoner by General Maas.

**Washington, D. C.**—Secretary of the Navy Daniels will sail at midnight tonight on the Mayflower to join the funeral ship *Montana* tomorrow off the Virginia capes and convoy the cruiser bearing the 17 American dead from Vera Cruz to New York.

**Vera Cruz, Mex.**—There is a rumor in Mexico City that Querido Moheño, minister of commerce and industry is dead, according to refugees arriving here. Some say Moheño committed suicide when General Huerta refused to accept his resignation from the cabinet. Others declared he died from unknown causes and was quietly buried. The rumor could not be confirmed.

**Trinidad, Col., May 8.**—All arms of strikers and coal mine guards in Southern Colorado must be turned over to United States troops by Monday, according to a proclamation said to have been tentatively prepared today by Col. James Lockett, commanding the regulars here, and scheduled to be issued tonight. Major William A. Holbrook, Lockett's chief aide, today resumed his tour through the coal camps of Las Animas and Huerfano counties, addressing gatherings of strikers at Sopris, Rouse and Rugby. He is urging the miners

to obey the forthcoming proclamation without parleying.

Neither Col. Lockett nor Major Holbrook, however, conceals his belief that the situation is serious. The bitter hatred engendered between strikers and mine guards during the long strike has not diminished with the arrival of United States troops. Instead, a strong feeling of distrust between the parties to the conflict has developed.

Leaders of the strikers assert that, unless at least 500 rifles are surrendered by operators, it will be clear they do not intend to obey the disarmament order entirely. Operators, on the other hand say the strikers must surrender at least 800 to 1,000 guns or it will be evidence they are acting in bad faith. The probability is that neither side will turn in anything like the number of weapons named. Strike leaders say only about 200 rifles remain in the possession of the strikers, while the operators' agents declare this is absurd.

As a result of the distrust, Lockett and Holbrook fear numerous rifles will be concealed by both sides for use in a renewal of fighting as soon as the U. S. troops have been withdrawn. They think that, under these circumstances, it will be necessary for the federal troops to remain indefinitely and even to increase their forces.

Col. Lockett today denied reports that the president's disarmament order would be construed to refer to peace officers in the strike zone. He said a reasonable number of such officers would be allotted weapons.

One of the newest evening slippers has a button on each side of the insteps so that the wearer may fasten something across from button to button when caring to wear the footwear in the street.

Girl students of the South Bend, Ind., high school have pledged themselves not to use any slang.